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Road Blocks near Krumovgrad

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1. Approximately 10 kilometers south of Momchilgrad (N 41-32, E 25-25) the road to Krumovgrad (N 41-28, E 25-39) narrows down to accommodate only one-lane traffic because of a supporting wall on the right and a sheer rock cliff on the left. At this place, barriers for stopping vehicles and tanks have been set on both sides of the road. There are two fixed cement blocks placed facing each other across the roadway; each block is 2.5 meters wide, two meters thick, and 1.5 meters high. Between the blocks, in the center of the road, there is an opening about 3.5 meters wide through which the traffic presently moves. Near the fixed blocks, standing beside the rock cliff, there is a third block which lies between round logs on a slight slope. It can be moved between the fixed blocks to close the road opening.
2. At a point approximately seven or eight kilometers north of Avren (N 41-21, E 25-43), along the road to Krumovgrad, there is another obstacle of the type described above. Informant noted trenches in the neighborhood of this obstacle, west of the road, but could give no additional information.

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Military Camp East of Kurdzhali

3. On 24 November 1953, while traveling by train, informant passed a military camp in the vicinity of Shiroko Pole (N 41-38, E 25-31), Kurdzhali Okoliya. It is located on the right-hand side of the railroad line between Khaskovo and Kurdzhali (to the east of the line). It is situated on a flat plateau, and consists of approximately 100 large buildings of three or four types. All buildings are 1-story, painted, and have tile roofs. Informant stated that they are about 10-15 meters long, 7-8 meters wide, and 5-6 meters high.
4. Informant was unable to give details of the layout of the camp and knows nothing of the units stationed here. He observed that, with the exception of about 10 or 15 soldiers who guarded the camp during the winter, the camp appeared to be deserted. Passengers on the train said that this was the largest military camp in Bulgaria.

Border Guard Zastava Construction

5. In early September 1952, informant observed the construction of two new zastavas in the vicinity of Egrek (N 42-20, E 25-38) and Bukhovo Makhala (N 42-20, E 25-40) in Krumovgrad Okoliya. The work was carried out by civilians aided by unpaid volunteers from nearby villages. Informant heard from workers in Stara Zagora that troops occupied these zastavas in November 1952. He was unable to give further details concerning the buildings, since he saw them from too great a distance.
6. One of the zastavas is located approximately two kilometers west of Gornata Makhala, at N 41-20, E 25-35. The troops who later occupied the new zastava were still quartered (September 1952) at a zastava located at a place known as "Mirin Den" (N 41-20, E 25-36).
7. The other zastava, located at a place known as "Mrachna Dolchino" in the vicinity of Bukhovo Makhala, is new to the area; it did not replace an old zastava. Informant could supply no further information.

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